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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:
Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 3, 4, 7 and 8.

Please amend the claims 1, 5 and 6 as follows.

1. (Amended) A data processor for processing a block formed by two-dimensional data in a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, characterized in that it comprises:
storage means for storing the data of the block;
write means for writing the data of the block in said storage means in a first order of scan which is either of the order of raster scan and the order of zigzag scan and